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## **Minutes of October 1, 2008**

Minutes Open Spaces Committee Meeting  
October 1, 2008 – Approved 11/5/08

Present: Ann LeRoyer, Patsy Kraemer, Joey Glushko, Elizabeth Karpati, David White, Teresa DeBenedictis, Lisa Decker, Jane Auger

Meeting called to order at 7:40pm  
Minutes from September 3<sup>rd</sup> accepted.

Town Day Report: Lisa Decker stated that visitors to the OSC booth loved the displayed aerial photo map of Arlington, lent by Brian Rehrig. Discussion was held about maps as possible fund raising idea.

Open Spaces Management Plans: Discussed utility of plans, target audience, etc. Teresa commented that the existing plans provide a greater level of detail than could ever be accomplished with the available resources. Joey suggested that updated plans could be helpful for planning by “Friends” groups; and perhaps be incorporated into informational kiosks similar to those around Fresh Pond in Cambridge. Friends groups could be invited to specific meetings. The electronic versions of the plans are still being sought.

The updates could be incorporated into the existing plans to document historical change. Joey will update her plan in this manner as an example. It was suggested that the OSC meetings could be used partially for wood-shedding of the plan updates in progress.

Lisa brought up the fact that McClennen has no Friends Group as of yet, but could use one. Also, the management entity for McClennen will be decided at Town Meeting 2009.

Mill Brook Linear Park: Lisa has had no response as yet from Mia Lehrer, or from the National Park Service.

Forum in March 2009: “Lawn Alternatives and Going Green”, a forum to be presented by David Epstein, March 28, 9am-1pm, at Town Hall Auditorium. His fee is \$400.

Invasive Species along Bike Path: Discussion about management of invasive species. At present, only poison ivy is dealt with.

Window on the Mystic: Discussion about the need for a vista, which would require some landscaping.

Portable Toilets: Consideration is being given to installing portable toilet facilities at certain Arlington parks.

Second Skating Rink: Interest groups are investigating putting a second ice-skating rink next to the existing one, which would result in losing an open space field.

Next Meeting: November 5<sup>th</sup> 2008  
Adjourned 9:40pm  
Submitted by Jane Auger